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Senator Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Senator Richard E. Durbin, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of United States Magistrate Judge Brian Meyers to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

I am the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina and have worked in that office for more than three decades. In that capacity, I have known Brian Meyers for many years both as an Assistant United States Attorney and now as a United States Magistrate Judge. I have appeared before him many times in court and worked closely with him on various local committees and projects and I have no doubt that Judge Meyers is well qualified by experience and temperament to serve as a United States District Judge.

In my dealings with Judge Meyers, I have found him to be intelligent, well-prepared, and considerate. He has a sharp mind and even-keeled temperament. He treats both lawyers and parties with courtesy and respect. He has gone out of his way on several occasions to praise the work of our office which suggests he understands and respects the defense function. I have never seen anything that would make me question his integrity or fairness.

I can provide one anecdote that I think illuminates Judge Meyers's character. Maybe a year ago, he ordered the pretrial release of a client of ours with serious health problems. The hearing took place on a Thursday or Friday and Judge Meyers discovered on Saturday that because of various paperwork and logistical glitches, the client had not been released as he had ordered. He immediately called both me and my trial chief to alert us to the problem and then worked closely with us over the course of the day to resolve the issue. He gave us his personal cell phone number so we could call him directly and, once we provided him with a proposed order to secure the client's release, he signed it immediately, made sure it got to the right custodians, and did not rest until he confirmed the client had been released as ordered. Many judges would have waited until Monday to deal with the issue or dropped the problem in our laps to solve ourselves. Instead, Judge Meyers actively worked with us throughout the weekend. It was clear to us he was sincerely concerned about the client's health and well-being. He went above and beyond to make sure his release order was promptly executed so the client could receive the medical care he needed. Judge Meyers's willingness to go the extra mile to ensure our client's constitutional rights were protected was extremely impressive.

The bottom line is that Judge Meyers is both an excellent lawyer and a decent and thoughtful person. He is already ably serving this district as a United States Magistrate Judge, and I am confident he will continue to do so if confirmed as a United States District Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alan DuBois

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